

REMARKS

Amendments

Applicants have corrected Figures 1-10 by providing clear quality drawing pages 1-44 that have lines, numbers and letters that are uniformly thick and well-defined, and that have numbers, letters and reference characters of at least 0.32 cm in height, and that are within the required page margins.

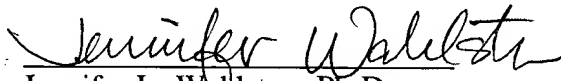
No new matter is introduced by any of the above amendments. Accordingly the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter them.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendment and remarks, it is submitted that this application is now ready for allowance. Early notice to that effect is solicited. If in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (650) 328-4400.

Respectfully submitted,

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